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SUMMARY: OASGA ACTION JULY 1 WAS IN CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD IN JURIDICAL-POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND IN PLENARY SESSIONS WHICH GAVE APPROVAL TO RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED AND VOTED IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES. FIFTH PLENARY SESSION (LATE MORNING) WENT RAPIDLY. SIXTH PLENARY IN PROGRESS AND CLOSING SESSION WILL OCCUR LATE EVENING. END SUMMARY.

1. TO COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF COMMITTEE I ACTIVITIES, TERRORISM AGENDA ITEM WAS TREATED IN ILL-HUMOREDDEBATE WHICH CONCLUDED COMMITTEE I'S ACTIVITIES JUNE 30. THIS ISSUE PITTED CARIBBEANS,
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LED BY JAMAICA (RATTRAY), AGAINST MOST OF LATINS. PRINCIPAL CARIBBEAN CONCERN WAS THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO CONDEMN WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS JUST EFFORTS OF "PEOPLES STRUGGLING AGAINST INSTRUMENTALITIES

OF OPPRESSION", E.G., AS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. JAMAICA AND SURINAM OFFERED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION

REPORTED BY WORKING GROUP, DESIGNED TO SOFTEN CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM CONTAINED IN "WHEREAS" CLAUSE. THESE WERE ABSTAINED TO DEATH 8-14 AND 9-14 (WITH US IN FAVOR). COMMITTEE THEN PASSED TEXT OF RESOLUTION WITH AMENDMENT BY GUATEMALA 23 TO 1 WITH ONE "NO PARTICIPATION" VOTE FROM SURINAM'S KARAMAT, WHO PROCEEDED TO LEAVE MEETING IN HUFF. DEBATE ON PARAGUAYAN HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION REPORTED USDEL 26.

2. FIFTH PLENARY SESSION. WHILE JURIDICAL-POLITICAL COMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS, PLENARY UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED TWO CANDIDATES (TEXEIRA VALLADAO, BRAZIL, AND RUBIN, US) AND ELECTED ONE (GONZALEZ GALVEZ, MEXICO) TO TERMS ON INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE. IT ALSO SELECTED ORREGO VICUNA (CHILE) TO FILL IAJC VACANCY UNTIL JUNE 30, 1979. IT CHOSE SAMUDA (JAMAICA - 24 VOTES) AND GONZALEZ (COSTA RICA - 14 VOTES) FOR TWO VACANCIES ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET AFFAIRS, WITH COLOMBIAN OTERO RECEIVING TWELVE VOTES. WITHOUT APPRECIABLE DEBATE AND WITH UNANIMITY OR AT MOST A FEW ABSTENTIONS, PLENARY APPROVED INTER ALIA FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE: TWO PANAMA CANAL RESOLUTION; COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ON RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRUCTURING OAS; PENSIONS FOR SYG AND ASSISTANT SYG (US ABSTAINED); RESOLUTION ON EXCLUSION OF ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA FROM GSP (US ABSTAINED). BRAZIL WAS SOLE ABSTENTION ON SECOND OF TWO PANAMA RESOLUTIONS, AUTHORIZING OAS TO ACT AS DEPOSIT FOR PANAMA TREATY ON NEUTRALITY, EXPLAINING THAT IN PRINCIPLE IT DID NOT BELIEVE OAS SHOULD BECOME THUS INVOLVED IN MATTERS BETWEEN TWO MEMBER STATES. NINE RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATTERS WERE ALSO VOTED BY PLENARY, IN ALL CASES EXCEPT ONE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH MORNING SESSION OF PLENARY COMMITTEE I MET FOR SHOWDOWN ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION ON ANNUAL REPORT OF IAHRG CAME UP FOR VOTE FIRST, MANY DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, MADE STATEMENTS EXPLAINING THEIR VOTES ON ALL

HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS. USDEL (TRAGEN) STATED THAT US FULLY SUPPORTED ALL RESOLUTIONS, WHICH REFLECTED CAREFUL, HIGH-QUALITY REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN

MADE BY IAHC. TRAGEN ESPECIALLY NOTED OPERATIVE PROVISION OF RESOLUTION ON ANNUAL REPORT WHICH REQUIRED CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY STATUS OF "DESAPARECIDOS".

4. AFTER STATEMENTS, COMMITTEE I PROCEEDED TO VOTE ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS. RESOLUTION ON ANNUAL REPORT WAS APPROVED BY LOPSIDED MARGIN OF 21 YES ZERO ABSTENTIONS AND THREE NOS (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, AND URUGUAY). RESOLUTION AS PASSED THANKS IAHC FOR ITS REPORT; NOTES WITH SATISFACTION RECENT RATIFICATIONS OF PACT OF SAN JOSE AND INVITES MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE NOT DONE SO TO RATIFY; RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF MEASURES 'TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FULL EFFECTIVENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS'; CALLS UPON GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO CONTINUE TO PUT INTO PRACTICE MEASURES TO PRESERVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, COOPERATE WITH THE IAHC AND GRANT NECESSARY GUARANTEES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO COOPERATE WITH IAHC; AND REQUESTS INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE TO PREPARE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MAKING TORTURE AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME.

5. COMMITTEE NEXT VOTED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY, WHICH PASSED BY VOTE OF 16 YES 8 ABSTENTIONS (ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY) AND URUGUAY OPPOSED. SUBSEQUENT VOTE ON SIMILAR RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN PARAGUAY LED TO SAME RESULT, EXCEPT THAT PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY SWITCHED FROM ABSTAIN TO NO VOTES, RESPECTIVELY. TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS WILL BE CABLED SEPTEL.

6. COMMITTEE I THEN VOTED US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON "PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS" (SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN USDEL 11) BY VOTE 21 YES, 3 ABSTENTIONS (BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY) AND NONE AGAINST.

7. AS FINAL HUMAN RIGHTS ITEM, COMMITTEE TOOK UP COSTA RICAN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING SEAT OF INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH WILL COME INTO EXISTENCE UNDER PACT OF SAN JOSE, AND LEGAL

STATUS OF IAHC UNDER TRANSITION TO PACT. GOCR REQUEST TO HAVE COURT LOCATED IN SAN JOSE PASSED BY ACCLAMATION BUT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED DOUBTS OF LEGAL CHARACTER ABOUT DRAFT RESOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON TRANSITIONAL STATUS OF IAHR. THIS RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO PERMANENT COUNCIL FOR STUDY. PRESIDENT (AGUILAR) AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF IAHR PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO USDEL THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THIS OUTCOME.

8. IN FINAL IMPORTANT ACTION OF LONG MORNING, STARVING DELEGATES APPROVED REPORT OF POLITICAL-JURIDICAL COMMITTEE ON NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE OVER VIGOROUS OBJECTIONS OF CARIBBEANS THAT IT FALSIFIED HISTORY BY NOT REFERRING TO SITUATION OF BELIZE. GUATEMALAN DELEGATE (ARRIOLA) TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE STATEMENT THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND UK ON BELIZE WERE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY AND THAT HE HOPED THAT PROBLEM WOULD BE RESOLVED SOON. FINAL VOTE WAS 18 YES WITH VIRTUALLY ALL CARIBBEANS AND SURINAM ABSTAINING.

9. SIXTH PLENARY, CONSIDERING RESOLUTIONS DEBATED BY SECOND, FOURTH AND LASTLY FIRST COMMITTEE STILL IN PROGRESS. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CLOSING FORMAL SESSION. AS SEPARATE ORDER OF BUSINESS, PERMANENT COUNCIL WILL MEET URGENTLY TO CONSIDER INVITATION TO OAS FROM BOLIVIA TO SEND OBSERVERS TO NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON JULY 9. VANCE

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